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MEMORIAL

OF THE

EBERSOL FAMILY.

OTTAWA, LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

A. M. EBERSOL.

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TO the Ebersols and their friends, scattered up and down this wide land, into whose hands this little memorial may fall: I have for several years been thinking of getting up a paper all about our family—not to laud their virtues nor to denounce their failings, but that we may be better posted with regard to each other's families, and that we may be induced to correspond with one another more frequently, and in this and other ways do each other good.

The Ebersols are not among the highly distinguished men and women of our beloved land; they are, nevertheless, most of them honest, temperate and industrious, and may be counted among our best citizens. I never have been able to find the name on prison or pauper catalogue. And it is to be hoped that none will ever so disgrace the name—coming to us as unstained from past generations.

ROWE'S PRINTING HOUSE, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS

Our ancestors settled in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in the year of our Lord, 1763; they came from Germany, Switzerland and France. Brother D. has a letter from a professor in the Fatherland, giving the etymology of the name. It has various spellings—as Ebersol, Ebbersol, Eversol, Ebersole, Ebersoll, Eversoule, etc.

I have been several years writing—hoping to hear from all the families—but the longer I continue this correspondence the more I am satisfied I cannot realize what I hoped for when I began with such sanguine expectations—God bless the whole Fraternity.

A. M. E.

May, 1879.

MEMORIAL

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EBERSOL FAMILY.

The Ebersol and Shuey families settled in Dauphin and Lancaster counties, Pennsylvania, about 1763. John Shuey came from France; his wife was a native of Switzerland; their son Daniel, at a proper age, married Catharine Myers (or Moyer, as it was written in those days); this Daniel was a farmer of prominence; himself and wife were professors of religion; they brought up their family in the fear of God. Their children were Elizabeth, John, Mary, Catharine, Margaret and Dorothy.

Elizabeth, my now sainted *mother*, was born in lower Paxton township, Dauphin Co., Pa.; she was married to Joseph Ebersol of the same county, at the house of Daniel Houser, in the city of Harrisburg, April 1st, 1819, by the Rev. Geo. Lochman. John, who was born in the same place, and at 18 married Hannah Miller, in the year of our Lord 1823, soon after emigrated to Dayton, Ohio; from there he moved in 1830 to Logansport, Indiana; he still resides there enjoying a green old age, is a man of means and many warm friends. His first wife

died in Indiana; he is a member of the M. E. Church, has a large family of children and grandchildren who "rise up and call him blessed."

MARY married John M. Nees, a clothier who also moved to Maumee City, Ohio, where he accumulated a desired competence, and died in the bosom of his family, mourned by the whole community. He was a firm believer in the power of the gospel to save men. His widow still lives in this place to enjoy many of the comforts of life amid family and friends.

Their children are William, Harriet and others. William made a small fortune in California in an early day; Hattie married Dr. C. G. Clark of the same place—a man of skill and fine intellectual powers; his devoted wife is not a whit behind him in this respect.

CATHARINE married a Mr. Painter, who also emigrated to Ohio and who died there.

MARGARET married Samuel Lingle of Lingleston—moved to Pekin, Ill., in 1836, where she died after making her sister Elizabeth at Ottawa a visit—she died with a hope big with immortality.

SAMUEL L. died near Iowa City in the family of his daughter Matilda Ford, who nursed him as only an affectionate daughter could.

Their family were, Matilda, Susan, Daniel and

Ellenor. Matilda lives with her family in Harlan, Shelby Co., Iowa; Susan moved with family to Oregon; Ellenor died; Daniel is in Iowa somewhere; he has lived about Ottawa a good many years; he has no property; has been married twice.

DOROTHY SHUEY married Samuel Stervich, moved to Ohio, where she died leaving her family not very well provided for. Samuel was something of a hunter; many a choice bit I got when a child from his table; often when a child I enjoyed his strong clear voice as he was coming home from his day's work, (for he lived in father's house,) singing "drooping souls no longer grieve, heaven is propitious."

There are many Shueys in the country; all are connected; some have come to honorable positions in society, as Rev. W. J. Shuey of Dayton, Ohio, who is a prominent minister and an extensive publisher for the "United Brethren" publishing house of the same place.

ABRAHAM EBERSOL away back in 1763 settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania from Wittemburg, Germany—whose wife was Eve Stouffer—Abraham was a shoemaker, a God-fearing man. He and his wife were Mennonites and exceedingly conscientious. Abraham had brothers who settled in the same county, who also had large families and who are scat-

tered from Pennsylvania to California. I have interesting letters from Joseph Jackson Ebersol who resides in Harbor Creek, Erie County, Pennsylvania, who has a fine family record and is connected with the family as indicated. Also a letter from A. L. Ebersol of St. Paul, Howard County, Iowa, who has an equally interesting history; his father John Blauser Ebersol doubtless was one of the brothers from Switzerland. Another comes from Mrs. Sarah R. Agard of Gardner, Ill., who is the daughter of Abraham Ebersol of Wilmington, with a good record, but while I thank them for writing me, I can only hope some of them will gather up what I cannot now put into print, though it may be ever so interesting. Abraham who was the son of Abraham of the second generation, born in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, February 4th, 1781; he was married to Christena Miller who was born in the same place April 14, 1782; they were married by the Rev. John Nidich, and connected with the United Brethren Church. Their family were as follows:

3d GENERATION—JOHN, born in Dauphin Co, Feb. 8, 1804; died Dec. 13, 1807.

CATHARINE, born Sept. 8, 1805.

MARY, born Sept. 13, 1807.

SUSANNA, born June 24, 1809; died 1838.

About this time Abraham moved to Westmoreland County. Here Jacob was born, January 14, 1812. Christian, Dec. 5, 1813. Joseph, June 11, 1816.

ELIZABETH, Nov. 10, 1819.

ABRAHAM, Sept. 6, 1822.

SARAH, Dec. 31, 1824.

4th GENERATION.—CATHARINE was married in October, 1821, to Christian Stouffer, who died July 16, 1825; she was married again to Adam Long, November, 1826, who died July 18, 1844; she was again married to John Schott in 1845; they were Methodists. Mary never was married; is an estimable woman, lives with her brother Christian in Iowa, Calhoun County.

SUSANNA was married December 26, to John Kaylor.

JACOB was married to Catharine Keister in 1836. She was the daughter of Conrad Keister of Mt. Pleasant, Pa. Their children: Solomon K., born December 16, 1838; he is a merchant in Mt. Pleasant. Ezra C., born October 18, 1840. This Ezra has something of a history and record which I give from a letter before me. He is a lawyer of considerable notoriety, and the only one in the family I can hear of who worked his way up to such a conspicuous place, and who is justly entitled to a name and place among the men of letters in our beloved land. At sixteen he left home and school; tried working on a

farm; overwork undermined his health; it was not a success. In 1857 he went to Westervill, Ohio, and entered the Otterbien University as a student; here he remained about three years; he progressed finely in his studies, finishing the classical course, but his health was much impaired, and then went home, but not contented he started for a profession, and after surveying the field with its lights and shadows, he started in 1861 for Amherst College in Massachusetts. In 1862 he graduated with honor. He remained at home until 1863, when he with heroic enthusiasm put on the "blue" and soon was ready to do and dare for Uncle Sam and our homes. While in the service he was elected to the chair of Mathematics and Astronomy in Western College, Iowa; when discharged he took charge of the classes. He remained in the chair for two years, when he resigned and married Frances E. Spencer, the principal of the ladies' department in the college, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Sept. 25, 1865, when they took charge of Fort Madison Academy at Ft. Madison, Iowa.

Mrs. Ebersol is the daughter of Daniel Spencer of New York, now of Cedar Rapids, Iowa She was born at Lansing, New York; educated at Cortland Academy, Homer, N. Y. She was chosen principal of the Ladies' Department in Western College in 1863. In 1867 he went to

Chicago where he remained one year reading law; he went to Iowa and tried farming to regain his health but a prairie fire soon put an end to his financial prospects; then he took charge as president *pro tem.* of Western College; in June, 1868 he was chosen permanently to fill said office and was at the same time chosen adjunct Professor of Ancient Languages in the Iowa State University; he accepted the latter and remained two years. Still keeping his eye on the legal profession, in 1870 he resigned and was admitted to the bar, and has since been engaged in the law; part of the time at Adel, Iowa, and for the last five years in Toledo, where at present the popular firm of Ebersol & Willet are enjoying a good business, and where they have served three terms as county attorneys for Tama County. Mr. E. has no children; they are Congregationalists and they invite friends by leaving the "latch-string" always out.

DAVID, who was the next to Ezra C, died when about four years old.

FLORA, the next, is now the wife of Joseph Stouffer, a successful merchant of Mount Pleasant, Pa. They have two children, Lester and Jesse. Jesse the youngest died at the age of five years.

JACOB E., father of Sol. K. and Ezra, was born Jan. 14, 1812; died Jan. 25, 1856; married Catha-

rine K. June 20, 1837. Catharine K. was born Aug. 16, 1814. Sol. K. Ebersol married Sarah E. Stahl, Nov. 26, 1861; their children are Wm. S., born Nov. 13, 1862; Lulu, May 17, 1872; Francis F., Sept. 23, 1877.

JOSEPH was married Oct 25, 1838, to Anna Armal.

JOHN died Dec. 13, 1807.

ELIZABETH died Aug., 1821.

SARAH died Dec., 1845.

CHRISTENA MILLER, wife of Abraham, the 2d generation, died April 23, 1849, in Pennsylvania. He died March 9, 1853.

JACOB died Jan. 25, 1856, in his home, Mount Plasant, Pa.

JOSEPH lives in Center Point, Clay County, Indiana; his wife was born in Pennsylvania, April 12, 1816; they were married Oct. 26, 1838; have had five children, three sons and two daughters; they are members of the U. B. Church.

CHRISTIAN E. emigrated to Ohio in 1835; married Elizabeth Hurlocker of Franklin Co., Sept. 16, 1836; lived in Columbus 14 years, where he had five sons born: Charles Wesley, Dec. 3, 1837; he died Dec. 22, 1841; William O., born June 26, 1840; Cyrus Albert, Oct. 23, 1843; James Newton, Dec. 8, 1845; Edwin Lucious Oct. 23, 1848. Then he removed to Newark,

Licking Co., where two more were added—Geo. Lory, Dec. 10, 1851, Daniel Hurlocker, Sept. 21, 1854. He then removed to Boone County, Iowa, where his good wife left him for the better land, Oct 20. 1856. He was married again April 9, 1857, to Lydia Gilliland of Boone Co. Here he lived up to 1876, on the Boone River at Centerville. He with his sons carried on an extensive saw-mill. While here there were added to his "olive plants," Archibald Homer, born March 11, 1858; Elizabeth Margaret, Sept. 15, 1859; died Dec. 30, 1859; Horace Horatio, born Dec. 18, 1860; Mary Ann, Aug. 3 1865; Theodore Parr, Dec. 5, 1868; Ames Abraham, Nov. 7, 1869; died June 30, 1870; Luella Josephine, born April 13, 1871; Amey Christena, Aug. 25, 1873. In 1876 he sold out and moved to Manson, Calhoun Co., where he and his sons carry on the milling business on an extensive scale. Four of his sons are married; Ed. L. and D. H. hold important offices in the city of Manson; Wm. O. is living in Jewell County, Kansas; Mary E., sister of Christian, is unmarried and has found a home with her brother for a number of years; she is an invalid; is one of the best of christian women. I am indebted to her for items in this history.

ABRAHAM, who was the son of Abraham, who was the son of *Abraham*, lives in Keokuk, Iowa, is a manufacturer, a straightforward business

man, highly respected, having a large and respectable family; his wife, Miriam Morris, from Wales, he found in the city of Allegheny, Pa., and married Aug. 24, 1848; his first-born is Morris Lee; Cyrus Perry, a machinist, and is in Tennessee; is six feet and one inch in his stockings; then James and Edward were twin brothers; Cyrus attended the Centennial at Philadelphia.

MARIA, who was the daughter of Abraham the first, born in Dauphin Co., 1787, and who died when 18 years old.

BARBARA, daughter of Abraham the first, was born in Dauphin Co.; married Peter Weaver of the same place. They had thirteen children; five died when young; the others are as follows: Peter, Franey, Barbara, Henry, Nancy, Eve and Jacob—all born in Dauphin Co.

ELIZABETH, daughter of Abraham, born in Dauphin Co; married Andrew Lantz of the same place. Their children are John, Jacob, Andrew, David and Elizabeth. John married Catharine Murich; Andrew married Elizabeth Walter.

FRANEY, the daughter of Abraham, was born in the same county; married Samuel Simpson. Their children were John and Nancy; John married Catharine Miller; Nancy married Abraham Deeds.

CATHARINE, daughter of Abraham, born in Dauphin Co.; married David Martin of Dauphin County, Pa. They had five children—Abraham, (who worked for his uncle Joe by the month in 1831,) Mark, Mary Susan, David and Joseph. J. lives in Middletown, Pa.; Susan married a Mr. Livingstone; they reside at Fishing Creek Valley, Pa.

ANNA, daughter of Abraham, born January 18, 1779; married Daniel Houser of Harrisburg, April, 1800; he was a flour merchant in the city for many years. They had three children, viz: John, Jacob and Catharine. John was born April 3, 1801; was married to Louisa Crabb of Harrisburg; they had four children, viz: Daniel, who has charge of Adams' express office in Lancaster; Alice, who married Dr. A. C. Eyster; they have a pretty child of 6 or 8 summers—a very flower is Bertha; They live in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth is a school teacher, clerk &c., at Media, Delaware County, Pa. John was very popular and held office in the city for many years; died Oct. 22, 1860.

JACOB was born Aug., 1803; married Catharine Hain, April 5, 1830: they had two children, George and Daniel. John and Jacob succeeded their father in the store, but sold dry goods.

Daniel Houser died April, 1848. Anna, his wife, one of the best women God ever made,

also died, Aug., 1860. No one ever asked her for bread that was disappointed.

JACOB was elected elder in the Pres. Church, which office he has discharged with honor to himself and credit to his family, for fifty years; he is a feeble old man, but he has a hope ere long to join his beloved of other years where his "youth will be renewed like the eagles'."

His sons, George and Daniel, carry on the dry goods business on the same spot—young men of christian character and strict integrity.

CATHARINE H., daughter of Daniel H., was born Feb. 28, 1805; married Samuel Pool, who died in 18—. Catharine afterward married J. Coover; she had two children to each of her husbands; by the former, Samuel and Anna. She died Feb. 16, 1849. Aged 42.

JOHN, the son of Abraham, born in Dauphin County, removed to Lancaster County, (Mastersonville,) in about 1800; his trade was wool dyer and clothier; one of the best of christian men, and his wives were all noble women; religion was the first thing with him and his family, up to his death; his counsels will never be barren of fruit; married Fannie Eshleman in 1809; his first wife; they had four children, viz: John born 1810, Abraham in 1812, Barbara in 1814, Annie in 1820, and died in 1822; John died in 1847.

ABRAHAM was born Feb, 12, 1812; married Anna Magulerich Oct. 27, 1836; she was born Sept. 13, 1816; they lived with the parents, where they had five children, viz: Jane E., born Sept. 15, 1838; John, born Sept. 14, 1839; died 1846. Abraham, born June 29, 1843; died Oct. 26, 1846; John Adam, Nov. 17, 1846; Susana, May 27, 1852.

Jane E. married A. S. De Arman of Elizabethtown, a painter, Aug 30, 1866, and has had four children; two are in heaven.

Susan married Wm. Fasnacht, Sept, 1, 1870; she died trusting firmly in Jesus, April 20, 1878, leaving one interesting daughter called Alice. Three dear ones they laid away in the quiet graveyard.

John Adam married Maria Meachy; he is a shoemaker; they have no children; one they had, but it soon flew away to the better land.

John Ebersol's wife, Fannie, died in August, 1828, aged 47 years. He was married the second time to Jane Wolgemuth in 1831; she left him for a brighter world in 1849; she was called "to join the innumerable caravan that moves to that mysterious realm &c." He was married again to Elizabeth Kansey; they lived happily together until Nov. 22, when the messenger came for him; he was ready and glad to go, shouting as he went.

The writer and his father, Joseph, spent a few delightful days (ever fresh in the memory) with him in 1870. Diary, June 25, 1870: "Father and I have just said good-bye to uncle John and family; we had a delightful visit; prayer and singing was kept up to a late hour last night."

Joseph, who was the son of Abraham, born in Dauphin Co., Dec. 10, 1790; he learned the blacksmith trade, was married by the Rev. Geo. Lochman to Elizabeth Shuey, eldest daughter of Daniel Shuey, April 1, 1819, in Harrisburg, at the house of Daniel Houser. He worked at his trade near the city a few years; sold his home and moved into Hanover, a distance of nine miles, and turned his attention to farming, his industrious and frugal wife meantime attending the markets. At the time he left his farm and shop, he was very much reduced, by underwriting for a friend. He begins now with a blind mare and an old horse, Fly and Charlie, which he bought at auction for $10, two cows and a few other traps; here he lived nine years; here Samuel, Kate, Louisa and Albert were born. While here with a stout arm and strong will, some means were secured, and in April, 1834, started west with his family; he had a heavy wagon, but two noble strong horses, Jol and Charley, that were equal to the task, and brought all safely to Ottawa, in August; he brought his anvil, vice and a few other tools in the wagon, and on the 28th day of August he unloaded at Island Grove, now Grand Rapids, where he and his wife spent the rest of their days. (See obituary in back of this book.)

Daniel Shuey,	the eldest, born	Jan. 14, 1820.
Amos Myers (or Moyer,)	"	Feb. 14, 1822.
Samuel Pool,	"	May 17, 1824.
Catharine Ann,	"	Jan. 27, 1826.
Louisa Crabb,	"	Dec. 12, 1830.
Albert Helfenstine,	"	Sept. 25 1832.
Matilda E.,	"	Aug. 18, 1837.
Helen Elizabeth.	"	May 3, 1842.

Matilda died Sept. 22, 1838. Samuel P. was thrown from a horse and killed, Nov. 1, 1850. These two with the fond parents lie in the Covel Creek Cemetery, side by side—a beautiful spot where the winds sing requiems, and the crystal waters of the *Covel* gently murmer, and the native flowers blossom; all these conspire to make this spot a Mecca for the family and friends; a spot made more sacred by crowding memories of other days. Their children are settled very near the old *Home*, except Catharine A. Budd, who resides in Englewood, Cook Co.

Daniel Shuey married Mary J. McKenny, (of Virginia, late of Maysville, Ky.) in Aberdeen, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1840; he has lived in Pontiac, where he was Justice of the Peace, Postmaster,

County Clerk &c. He lived several years in Burlington, Iowa, where he was quite conspicuous as a churchman and a leader of the Good Templars. By vote of the M. E. Church it was resolved when he left, that they had lost one of their best men and helpers. While here he lost three darling children; Mary Elizabeth died May 17, 1846, aged 4 years and six months; Aletha Hagar, May 15, same year, aged nearly one year; Catharine Josephine, May 3, 1852, aged about five years. Thus passed away as by an untimely frost, earth's fairest flowers. He next took an eighty joining his father on the east, as it came from the hands of nature in its primitive and beautiful wildness, and transformed it into a garden. After some years he moved to Ottawa, engaging extensively in the gun and whitesmith business; he is President of the "Academy of Science"; is something of a Geologist—has probably the best private cabinet in the state; has a fine residence in W. Ottawa, where, characteristic of his mother, his latch-string is always out—is honored and respected. His family are Joseph Walter, born June, 1843, in Pontiac; Joseph was a brave soldier—in the taking of Vicksburg, May 22, 1863, he was shot; lay in the hospital a long time; the bone between the shoulder and elbow was removed, hence he has not much use of his left arm. He was married to

Theodosia Strawn, daughter of the late Hon. D. Strawn, of this county, in 1867; he resides in Strawn, Livingston Co., Ill., where he owns a fine farm and village residence; is Justice of the Peace, Telegraph operator and holds other important offices; has had five children; Mabel P., died 1877, a most interesting girl, aged nearly nine years; Joseph, died when about six months old; Lambs of the upper fold. At this writing, February, 1879, I learn that Josephine, aged 8 years, has closed her eyes upon this world; she was a sweet child, too pure for earth; she has joined the angel band in the heavenly fold. They have one left, Alice, a bright girl of five summers.

Next to Joe. is Mary Jane, born 1850; married Sylvanus McKenny of Chatfield, Minn., in 1871, Where they reside, and where he succeeds his father in publishing the *Chatfield Democrat*. They have pretty little children, Daniel Spencer, Mabel Ebersol, Joseph and John H. Here is a pen picture from a letter before me, dated Feb. 17, 1879, from "Van." to his father-in-law at Ottawa: "Dear Father and Mother, Sunday eve., well as usual; Dan and Joe have just finished their evening romp, and rest innocently at sleep, little Mabel Ebersol stands leaning on a chair, her bright eyes sparkling with mischief, while she extracts solid comfort from her thumb; the

good wife looks over the exchange, and little John H. exposes a pair of fat legs and chubby arms in his antics on the bed."

Kate Henry is the next to "Jennie," born March, 1854, in Burlington, Iowa; in Nov. 1874, she was married to Dr. Geo. S. Gordon, late of Michigan, by the Rev. Thomas Gunn of Grand Ridge, Ill. They live in "their own hired house" in Grand Ridge, Ill., where the Dr. practices his profession with marked ability: he has considerable experience as an army surgeon; he seems to be qualified to "hoe his row" anywhere. Kate H. is a sweet singer; is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Grand Ridge; the Dr. is no novice at vocal music.

Amos M. was married Oct. 10, 1843, by the Rev. Owen Lovejoy at his residence at Princeton, Bureau Co., to Calista Curtis Whittlesey, daughter of deacon David Whittlesey, and grand daughter of John Smally, D. D., of New Britain, Conn. They have six children, as follows:

James Eliphalet Clark, born March 6, 1845.
Alice Whittlesey, July 24, 1847.
Ella Corinne, March 18, 1849.
Lela Hadassa, April 30, 1850.
Calistus Shuey, Nov. 20, 1854.
Elizabeth Louisa, Dec. 23, 1856.

They settled adjoining the old *home*, in Feb., 1844, where they continue to this day; they

have 240 acres of land, a pleasant home. The girl Lela, in view of the countless beautiful and rare flowers which her father cultivated, called it "Floral Home" first, in 1865; by this name it is now known everywhere. Rev. Mr. Miller came to see this *home* in the season of flowers, when he exclaimed, "this is an earthly Paradise;" he evidently had an eye to the beautiful.

James, the first born, was quite enthusiastic during the war, so he put on the "Blue," and away he went amid banners waving, drums beating and the tramp, tramp, of brave soldier boys who left "Sweet Home" little knowing what awaited them; many tears were shed, and prayers offered. James saw some hard times; he concluded on several occasions he should never see his sunny home again, but God in his goodness returned him safely to the bosom of his family. He was married to Maria W. Tryon, only daughter of Fred'k Tryon of Hickory Point, Jan. 17, 1866; they live near Strawn, in Livingston Co., where they are making themselves useful in church and Sunday school, also in the temperance cause; he is Commissioner of Highways for the town. They have five children:

Elmer Tryon, born May 27, 1867.
Samuel Burdette, Nov. 21, 1868.
Charles Eliphalet, Dec. 20, 1870.

MARY LOUISA, Jan. 7, 1873.

CALISTA, Jan. 8, 1879.

Alice Whittlesey married Chas. T. Farrell of Ottawa, Nov. 29, 1866; they live in the "Old Ebersol Home," which he bought. They have four children; Myrta Calista, born Aug. 5, 1867; Rosalie Corinne, Feb. 17, 1870; Lillian, March 13, 1874; James Earnest, June 16, 1878. One of their children died and lies in Covel Creek Cemetery. On the tomb-stone are these words:

"A folded lamb in that world of joy,
A cherub bright is our Laby boy."

They are members of the Presbyterian church, Grand Ridge, Ill.; Chas. is strongly in favor of temperance; is anti-tobacco.

Ella Corinne married Hamer T. Colman, from Ohio, Dec. 27, 1870; they live in the "Evergreen Corner," a place first improved by Jas. E. C. E. on the N. E. corner of the home place; they have three children; Sarah Calista, born Jan. 3, 1872; Lela Corinne, Sept. 26, 1873; Alice Bliss, Nov. 26, 1876; she is only two years old and can sing a half dozen pieces correctly; they can all sing wonderfully; the mother is a very bird to sing. Mr. C. is general agent for nursery stock, florist and gardener.

Lela Hadassa married Lewis C. Hodgson, of Farm Ridge, on her father's fiftieth anniversary. They moved to Fairfield, Neb., 1876, where they

have a fine farm and call it "Floral Home." They are connected with the church, sabbath school and the temperance society; they have had three children, Lewie E. and James Earnest; they died in April 1877, and were laid side by side in the same grave; Earnie died one day after Lewie; they were bright boys; Lewie was four years old and Earnie two years. (See in back of this book lines written by the mother and published in the *Fairfield News*.)

"Safe in the arms of JESUS, safe on his gentle breast,
There by his love o'er shaded, sweetly my darlings rest."

Lela H. H. has just received a prize for two pieces set to music by Prof. Smith of Massachusetts, to be added to other fine hymns, which are just bound and sent out by D. C. Cook, of Chicago, known as the International Hymnal.

Lela H. was awarded the second prize for hymns prepared for the Hymnal—music by Professor.

They have one sweet little girl they call Nellie Corinne, born Jan. 20, 1878.

Calistus Shuey and Beth L. are at home; C. assumes the farm duties; Beth, the duties of the household; she is a member of the C. L. & S. Circle, Rev. Dr. Vincent, Pres.

A. M. Ebersol and his family, with sons-in-law and daughters in-law, are all members of the Presbyterian Church. He is an Elder in

the Presbyterian Church, and has served more than 25 years as Sabbath School Superintendent.

SAMUEL POOL was thrown from a horse and killed, Nov. 1, 1850; he was connected with the Congregational Church.

CATHARINE ANN married M. Budd from New Jersey, Dec. 1845; Mr. Budd was quite a prominent man, owned a very fine residence and farm in Farm Ridge; he died in 1871, leaving nine children as follows: William Orlando, Agnes, Anna, Leander, Lizzie, Clara, Joseph, who died recently, Wilbur and Ella; they live in Englewood, Cook Co., where she owns a fine residence.

M. LOUISA CRABB married George H. Rugg, from Massachusetts, in Dec., 1846; they have had nine children, as follows: George Philip, Aletha Elizabeth, deceased; Maria L, Charles Edward, deceased; Edward F. died recently, a very promising young man; Carrie E., Ella L. and Katie E.; another one, Willie, died quite young; they live in Ottawa; have accumulated considerable property; Mr. Rugg is a manufacturer of furniture; he has recently turned over one department of his business to his son, Geo. P., who has just married Miss M. Jane Murphy of Ottawa.

ALBERT HELFENSTINE married Celia A. Pearre, Dec. 31, 1872, at the Homestead; they have two children Joseph P. and Helen Edith;

own a fine farm of 157 acres, adjoining the old home place; he put on the "Blue" when the war began and remained in the field about 3 years; was in several battles, but was permitted to return to his home safely.

HELEN ELIZABETH married Edwin T. Reed, from New York, in march, 1860; they live in Brookfield, (P. O. Marseilles;) own a large farm which he manages in tip top order; they have no children save his brother's little motherless one, Frank.

JACOB EBERSOL, who was the son of Abraham 2d, born Oct. 10, 1788, married Catharine Garverich, Feb. 1814; she was born Apr. 15, 1795; they lived for many years at Duncannon, Perry Co., Pa., where she died Sept. 19, 1863; he died beloved and respected at his home in a good old age, 86 years; they had twelve children, as follows:

JOHN P., born Sept. 9, 1815.

JACOB, Oct. 7, 1816.

BENJAMIN, Dec. 22, 1817; died when about three years old.

JOSEPH HANNA, June 26, 1819.

HENRY, June 26, 1820.

BENJAMIN, Dec. 22, 1823.

CORNELIUS, Dec. 12, 1825.

SAMUEL G. Sept. 13, 1827.

MARGARET, Aug. 19, 1829.

MARY ANN, Nov. 10, 1831.

ABRAHAM ANDREW, July 1, 1833.

WILLIE,——1840; died when a child.

John P. settled at Warsaw, Indiana, in 1854; his wife is Jemima Harmon; married in 1840; they have three children, as follows:

John, married Sophia Hildebrand; he was a gallant soldier for three long years, under Kilpatrick, in the 10th Ohio cavalry.

Jemima, married Alonzo Howe.

Mary Ann, the youngest, lives at home with her parents; two of the family are deceased.

Jacob, who was the son of Jacob who was the son of Abraham, married Mary Ann Shadow, who died in 18—; he was married again to ——— Wannamaker; he lives in Montgomery Co., Iowa.

Joseph H., of Williamstown, Pa., is a carpenter; was married to Barbara Ann Grubb, Perry Co., Pa., in 1841; she died in 1847, leaving two children; J. H. married again in March, 1850, Elizabeth S. Seiler, with whom he had seven children; she departed this life, Dec., 1865. In March 1866 he was again married to Nancy A. Hipple, a sister to his second wife; with her he lived only a short time; they were not happy, so they parted mutually and made it legal. In January, 1869 he married Annie M. Baker, a widow lady with two children; he has in all

fourteen children—eight sons and six daughters; their names are as follows:

SUSAN, born May, 1843, and was married to Samuel Essick now living in Calhoun, Richland Co., Ill.; has six children.

CATHARINE, born Dec., 1845; married David Gamber; they live at Grier's Point, Perry Co., Pa., and has three children.

MARY ELLEN, born Nov., 1850, and married Simon Sickle who is now dead; she is living at Hurricane Grove, Grant Co., Wis., and has three children.

NEWTON SEILER, born 1852; married Annie Weise; they live in Loysville, Perry Co., Pa.; he has two children, John and George.

ANNA, born Feb., 1855.

ALICE ADALINE, born Jan., 1858; living in Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa.

SAMUEL, born June, 1860; lives in Shamokin, Pa.

HENRY, born July, 1863; is at home.

WILLIE, born Sept., 1865; at home.

LIZZIE M., born Feb., 1870; at home.

GEORGE GEARY, born Jan., 1872.

CHARLES, born June, 1874.

F. DEVENY, born Oct. 21, 1876; now deceased.

JOSEPH GILBERT, born Nov. 3, 1878.

Joseph H. sends me a very interesting account of the "Ebersol Clock:" "Grandfather bought it

of an old woman who had probably brought it from the Fatherland and used it many years." This was in 1763; it kept ticking during his life and that generation, and the next, when his father got it; then the next, Joseph, took it, and it ticks as faithfully as ever. This clock has served four generations; it has ticked for the Ebersols for over one hundred and sixteen years; beat it who can; *Mirabile dictu!*

Samuel G. of Perry Co., Pa., was married to Mary Bealor, who was born in Perry Co., April 4, 1829, and in October 1849 settled where he was brought up, but after some years moved to Wood Co., Ohio, Hammansburg, where he now resides. They have eight children viz: Sarah Ann, born Sept. 18, 1850; married Isaiah Bruner of Perry Co., Pa., in 1870; they live in Newport, Perry Co., Pa.; have had two children; one lies in the church-yard. Mary Catharine, born in the same place Nov. 26, 1851: married Frank Rose in same county, 1871; they have three children; they live in Canton, Ohio. Jos. A, born July 7, 1854. Daniel O., born Sept. 12, 1856. Jac. D., born Oct. 28, 1858. Salome E., born Aug. 20, 1861. Margaret, A., born March 27, 1864. Minnie M, born May 8, 1869. Daniel O. is at this writing in Perry Co., Pa., having left home last fall; he has just concluded a bargan with Miss Mollie A. Hilt, his P. O. is Duncannon. The parents

and some of the family, are connected with the German Reformed Church, and others are United Brethren in their views.

Benjamin married Sarah Pontius in Mifflin, Juniata Co., Pa.; they had three children, viz: Samuel A., born April 3, 1854. Minerva, Dec. 1, 1855. Catharine, Sept, 14, 1857. Catharine died April 6, 1862. Samuel A lives in Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa.; his sister Minerva lives with him.

Benjamin died Sept. 18, 1857, and his wife, Sarah, May 31, 1874.

Margaret married Israel Smith: they lived in Wood Co., Ohio; had eight children; she died Oct. 26, 1863.

Cornelius married Sarah Wiser, settled in Indiana, 1873; they had ten children, four are dead; she died Dec 8, 1876; the family live in Warsaw, Ind.

Mary Ann married William M. Kiem, of Perry Co, Pa.; they live in Marysville, and have eight children as follows: Calvin, 25, John, 23, Maggie, 22, Malinda, 20, these two girls "paddle their own canoe," Mag. is at Duncannon, Pa., Ellie, 14, Annie, 10, Harrie, 12, William, 8, Charles, 6; one sleeps in the cemetery. I had a grand visit with this family on my way home from Philadelphia in 1876; also at Cousin Houser's in Harrisburg, and at the dear old home in Hanover, and

at Peter Levan's. Mr. Kiem owns a small farm near Marysville.

A. Andrew, the youngest, married Louisa E. Sheriari, Aug. 3, 1855; she was born June 30, 1837; they live in Chicago, have a large family; he is a number one plasterer; has been Sabbath School Superintendent for a number of years; he was a brave soldier and did his duty nobly, in crushing the rebellion. Their children are, Arthur A., born Oct. 9, 1857; Lauren Laomer, Oct. 19, 1859; Kate, Oct. 28, 1861; Stanley Stanton, June 19, 1865; Louisa Cora, Dec. 9, 1867; Carrie Bell, Oct. 16, 1869; Walter Wilson, March 31, 1872; Henry Christmas, Dec. 25, 1874; all in Chicago except Arthur, who is in Colorado; one of the family died, viz: Cora Louisa, aged one year.

CHRISTIAN, son of Abraham the first, was born in Dauphin Co., Pa., June 9, 1793; moved to Westmoreland Co.; married Anna Brechtbill, April 17, 1819; they had one child; both died, mother and son, Sept., 1821. He was again married to Annie Schmutz, Sept. 26, 1826; she died in 1837. He married again Aug. 6, 1840, Mary Galloway; then began they to multiply; they had then twelve children, viz:

JOHN W. born May 9, 1841
CHRISTIAN A. June 12, 1842
ANNA M. Feb. 1, 1844.

JACOB B. Feb. 23, 1845.
MARY EMMA, Sept. 27, 1846.
SAMUEL G., April 16, 1848.
CYRUS R., April 28, 1850.
NANCY C., Sept. 10, 1852.
EDWARD H., April 21, 1854.
ALICE E., April 17, 1858.
ABRAHAM L., Sept. 19, 1860.

John W. married Catharine Johnson of Mount Pleasant, July 4, 1866; is now in Toledo, Iowa

Christian A. married Anna Myers, March 14, 1867.

Anna M. married C. J. Miller of Mount Pleasant, Feb. 15, 1866.

Jacob died July 10, 1848

Mary Emma married C. J. Rose, April 18, 1872.

Samuel G. married Eliza Weaver of Greensburg, March 11, 1874; they live now at Hammansburg, Ohio.

Cyrus married Sarah Gressly, Jan. 1, 1874.

Nancy died Aug. 28, 1873.

Edward H. died Sept. 3, 1876. "A noble young man of 22 years."

Alice E. is living in Middletown, Pa., and is hoeing her own row.

Abraham L. is now living with his brother Cyrus on the old place where the family were all born and brought up; the parents were, and

family are, members of the United Brethren Church.

Christian Ebersol and his gentle wife, Mary, died, the former Nov. 12, 1869, the latter Dec. 12, 1873; gone to their rest.

BENJAMIN was the youngest son of Abraham the first, born in Dauphin Co., Pa; learned the blacksmith trade with his brother Joseph, after which he located in High Spire, where he died in 1830; he married Susan —— and had two children viz: Samuel and Sarah: Samuel died in Mount Pleasant, in his uncle Christian's family; he died when a young man.

Sarah S. is a widow, she married a Mr. Brubaker; she lives in York Co., Pa.

I have letters from J. J. Ebersol, Harbor Creek, Pa., whose grandfather settled near Harrisburg about 1765, whose name was Christian and who died 1834, aged 79; this must have been Abraham's brother; he came from Elsaph, Germany; I can trace no other connection. I have also a letter from A. L. Ebersol, St. Paul, Howard Co., Neb., who says his ancestors are from Switzerland; settled in Dauphin Co., Pa. about the same time that our grandfathers did; I have no doubt they are also connected with us; they have the same family names and their characteristics are the same. Our connections are, almost to a man, Republican; some were Abolitionists; the women

too are all right on the prominent questions of the day, and are mostly religious; the generations just passing away are largely United Brethren.

Now I say good-bye. God bless the whole Fraternity, and may every one answer the design of the Creator in our life and life work. Now don't find fault with what I have written, for I am sensible of many errors in this *memorial*, but hope some good friend will make an improvement upon it.

Yours for the right, always,

AMOS M. EBERSOL.

FLORAL HOME, five miles south-east from Ottawa, where you can find my latch-string out; try me.

ADDENDA.

[*From "Kett's History of La Salle County," by request of the writer*, D. S. EBERSOL.]

JOSEPH EBERSOL was born in 1790, in what is now Dauphin Co., Pa., his father Abraham having settled there about 1763, from the Fatherland. Joseph at 17 was apprenticed to George Shirk, to learn the blacksmith trade; he served four years. At 26 he was married to Elizabeth Shuey of the same county; a few years later, having met with some losses, he left his shop and rented a farm, where he continued until 1833, when he determined to seek a "home" in the far west; he accordingly sold his goods, and with two horses and wagon, started for the Eldorado of Western Illinois, in April, 1834; arriving at Wheeling, Va., he first saw a steamboat; there he put his goods aboard the "Emigrant," and was soon in Cincinnati; thence he traveled overland to Dayton, Ohio, where he rested a short time with John Shuey, his wife's brother; leaving here and passing through Richmond, Indianapolis, Danville, Decatur, Springfield, Jacksonville; here he met with some old friends, Dr. J. Roberts and Downy Buchanan, who had preceded him a few years; here he left his family and on horseback visited the counties of Adams, Schuyler and others during which time he learned to distrust the land titles in the military districts, and hence determined to seek a home elsewhere; on his return, he with friends held a council, when it was determined to strike for Ottawa, Ill. Sam Boyer who had just arrived from Harrisburg, joined the family, who on horseback accompanied them to Ottawa, where they arrived July 16, 1834; encamped for a while under some grand old

white oaks where B. Boyle's store now stands. He and Mr. Boyer rode over the county to look for "the place." Roberts and Buchanan soon followed to Ottawa, where they both died in after years.

Mr. Ebersol found the desired place near the head of Covel Creek, on the east side of Island Grove, secs 5 and 6, Town 32, R. 4 E., now Grand Rapids township, paying Mrs. Polly McKernan $500 for her claim, leaving him only $100. He and his industrious wife at once applied themselves to the task of improving and beautifying their new home, beginning here Aug. 28, 1834. The Indians soon became daily visitors, but were quite friendly; here he lived and labored with his family until he died in 1873; his faithful wife having preceeded him about three years.

Of the years between his settlement and his death, it is hardly necessary to speak, as all the old settlers for a hundred miles around him have often enjoyed his hospitality and that of the partner of his labors.

In 1836 the public lands were thrown upon the market, and in the month of June the team could not be spared from the farm, so he walked to Chicago, bid off 160 acres, covering his claim and returned to the bosom of his family enthusiastic over his title to 160 acres of land. And now he felt that he had a *home* for his family, and with this practical plank in the platform of his theology viz, "work is worship," he earnestly applied himself to the work in hand and with the aid of his energetic and never-tiring consort, was able to divide real estate among his children to the value of thirty-five thousand dollars; and this without entering into any of the speculating schemes which were so common at this time. He was a tetotaler, never tasting or touching spiritous liquors; his remains now rest on the bank of his favorite stream, and the trees he loved

shade and seem to guard the beautiful monument that marks the spot where he sleeps, and where his descendants make pilgrimages to keep alive his memory, and to read this brief and modest inscription:

JOSEPH EBERSOL.

Born 1790; Died 1873.

He never complained of, or found fault with his maker.

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OLD HOME, April 1, 1869.

Dear Father, Mother, Brothers, Sisters and Friends: In behalf of the members of your family allow me to address a few words of cheer and comfort to you on this intensely interesting occasion.

We came to the Old Home on the anniversary of your golden wedding for several reasons. One quite prominent, is to thank you a thousand times for your kindness and your counsel during all the years of our life, and we unitedly bless the good Providence that has spared your lives to this eventful period in the history of the family. It is regarded as a golden opportunity when we can gather around the old hearthstone on an occasion so full of interest and under circumstances so favorable, to say to you, our dear parents, as the streaks of golden sunset appear more clearly in your sky, that it is our design and earnest desire to do what we can to make you happy, as we remember how much you have done for us. We acknowledge that we owe

much to the perseverance and firmness of a mother, and perhaps as much to her integrity and determination to make the most of life, while with a strong constitution she devoted herself to toil early and late, and of the severest kind. We cannot ever forget her example, though our hands should be unable to accomplish for our children what she has for hers. In earliest infancy dedicating us to God, and never ceasing to pray for us under any circumstances,—while we thank God for such a mother, we will try to follow her example, hoping that her pious example and Godly counsel may be a blessing to the family to the latest generation.

And to our dear father, who has toiled so hard, and worn himself out for his family,—to him we say on this golden occasion, with the greatest possible emphasis, GOD BLESS HIM. While he has tried to do his duty, his beloved wife has always seconded every effort which promised any good to the family—present or future. She has been to you a faithful vine, and, like the old Bible namesake, your Children have been like Olive Plants around your table. We bless God to day that you have been so mercifully preserved, that you have for fifty years been going hand in hand on life's journey. Few indeed may enjoy such golden oportunities as you enjoy to-day. Young, strong, full of life, vigor and hope, you stood beside the altar fifty years ago with small experience, but with strong arms and willing minds have trudged the up-hill of life together. Looking back from this Pisgah's top, you say, "Oh! if I had my life to live over again, how widely different a course would I pursue!"

While we congratulate you in your favorable worldly circumstances, we also congratulate you with reference to your family. No drunkard—no profane swearer—no one guilty of overt act, has as yet disgraced your household. And

while so many of us are here, and so happy, we will not forget the sleeping dead. One taken in tender childhood, too fair for earth, was transplanted to the garden above. The other in the full bloom of youth and full tide of life, was by a mysterious Providence hurried into eternity. To-day I feel that their hands beckon to us from the other side of the river, rejoicing that the time is near when the fond mother shall kiss her darling lost ones, and when father and kindred shall embrace and be re united in that far-off better land.

I look about this table and count forty-two of your sons and daughters, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren, with two or three whose interest is in the family. One who has for fifteen long years toiled at mother's side, too, has passed the deep waters of sorrow and disappointment.*

These presents we bring you are to be regarded as tokens of our affection and love for you, and as a pledge of our regard for and our love to you while life to us and you remain.

SHALL WE MEET BEYOND THE RIVER?

"Shall we meet beyond the river,
Where the surges cease to roll?
Where in all the bright forever,
Sorrow ne'er shall press the soul.

Shall we meet in that blest harbor,
When our stormy voyage is o'er?
Shall we meet and cast the anchor,
By the fair celestial shore?

* Mrs. C. Keegan.

Shall we meet in yonder city,
Where the towers of crystal shine,
Where the walls are all of jasper,
Built by workmanship divine?

Shall we meet with many a loved one,
That was torn from our embrace?
Shall we listen to their voices,
And behold them face to face?

Shall we meet with Christ our Savior,
When he comes to claim his own?
Shall we know his blessed favor,
And sit down upon his throne?"

A. M. E.

[*Lines found in Mother's Bible in connection with the Family Record*]

FOR MY CHILDREN.

"Dear Savior, if these lambs should stray,
From Thy secure enclosures bound,
And lured by worldly joys away,
Among the thoughtless crowd be found,

Remember still that they are thine,
That Thy dear sacred name they bear;
Think that the seal of love divine
The sign of cov'nant grace they wear,

In all their erring, sinful years,
Oh, let them ne'er forgotten be,
Remember all the prayers and tears,
Which made them consecrate to Thee;

And when these lips no more can pray,
These eyes can weep for them no more,
Turn Thou their feet from folly's way:
The wanderers to thy fold restore."

March 3, 1840.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Joseph Ebersol, daughter of Daniel Shuey, was born in West Hanover, Dauphin Co., Pa., April 4, 1797, died at Grand Rapids, La Salle Co., Ill., Feb. 26, 1871, being nearly seventy-four years of age.

Early in life she became a christian, and united with the Lutheran Church in her native place; at the age of twenty-two she was married at Harrisburg, Pa., near which place she resided till April, 1834, when, with her husband and children, she came to Ottawa, and at length settled upon the place where she died, and where she had lived more than thirty-six years.

Thus was she one of the pioneer settlers of this now populous state. With a keen sense she experienced the thrill and the privations of frontier life, saw these extended prairies ere yet they had been fenced or turned by the share, covered with wild flowers, the wolf, the deer and roving tribes of Indians. Ever fond of the beautiful, she made the flowers her companions; with courage she resisted the encroachments of the wild beasts, and with that kindness so conspicuous in her nature, and that never turned the needy unsupplied from her door, she disarmed the ferocity of Indian tribes, and made them admire and love her.

For many years she enjoyed the shade and fruit of trees that grew from seeds she brought from her home in the east and planted with her own hand.

A score of years ago, being brought very low by sickness, she expressed great desire that she might live to see her family settled in life. Her wish was granted far beyond what falls to the lot of the many. Within easy call, all her children are "settled in life" thriving and esteemed members of the community.

Years ago she was united with the Presbyterian Church of Ottawa, where she remained a consistent member until her death.

It was long her fervent prayer that all her children should become christians, and it was her joy at length to have seen them nearly all make such profession, together with many of her children's children.

Her long life is closed. The works of her hands and prayers are ended, yet the halo of her life will long survive.

Her funeral was attended at her residence, conducted by her former pastor, Rev. L. M Gates. Though the roads had become almost impassable, owing to the season, yet a sorrowful and sympathizing multitude thronged the service. The place of her burial is a family and neighborhood burying ground near the house and on the bank of Covel Creek, a beautiful spot which she often visited with mournful but inspiring interest.

From every consideration her aged and now bereaved husband, with whom she had lived fifty-two years, and her children and relatives now mourn her departure. The people of her community feel the loss of a kind, industrious and christian neighbor, and the christian church will feel the loss of a long, faithful and praying member. Well may we that remain pray that He who has the power may raise up many to be as kind, as efficient and useful as was she.

M.

[*From "The Ottawa Republican."*]

DIED.

In Grand Rapids, La Salle Co., Ill., Jan. 13, 1873, Mr. Joseph Ebersol, aged 82 years, 1 month and 3 days.

Joseph Ebersol was born four miles east of Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 10th, 1790. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. April 1st, 1819, he was married at Harrisburg, Pa. to Elizabeth Shuey, with whom he lived nearly 52 years, till she died the 26th of February, 1871, at the advanced age of nearly 74 years. In 1834, with his family, he came to the young and frontier State of Illinois, and settled upon the same tract of land where he lived nearly 39 years, and where he at length died. At that early day wild fowls, wild animals and wild tribes of Indians held almost undisputed possession of the region; yet, by watchfulness and kindness, he passed unharmed in family and property. By diligence and economy a livelihood was at first maintained, and at length a handsome property gathered; so much so that he was enabled to give to each of his children a farm and a home.

The changes that took place—many of which he aided to bring about—till the wide waste of prairie became thickly settled by an industrious, christian population, have often thrilled our ears as he recounted them.

In 1869 his children (6 in number), his grandchildren (23 in number) and his great grandchildren, (some 8 or 10 in number), with other friends gathered at the old and loved homestead and celebrated the golden wedding of the aged couple. A stereoscopic view of the four generations represented on that occasion and taken on the ground presents such a group as is seldom seen: forty-two in number.

During the summer of 1870, being 80 years of age he made a visit, in company with his son, A. M.

Ebersol, Esq., to his native State and his native place, where he met some of the surviving friends of his youth; among others a older brother, who now survives him at the age of 84 years. His enjoyment during the visit he often declared to be beyond his power to express.

On the first of February, 1871, his wife fell and received an injury, from which, after lingering a few days in much pain and much patience, she died.

After a time a widowed daughter (Mrs. Budd) came to occupy the home of her bereaved father he becoming a member of her family.

From about New Years last he had appeared more than usually cheerful; seemed almost to have renewd the buoyancy of his youth. At one time he said he f it so well and strong he believed he could shoe a favorite old family horse, and have it to use at his pleasure.

On Monday morning, the 13th, taking several horse shoes in his hand, he went to his son's, A. M. Ebersol's house, about half a mile distant, where, having been accustomed to such work in former years, he fitted up two shoes and made nails enough to set them with. At about 2½ o'clock in the afternoon he started for his home choosing to pass through the grove and along the bank of Covel Creek. His son had no fears about his father going home alone, and though he did not reach home that night, his daughter felt no alarm, thinking he was at his son's. Next morning, learning that he was not at either place, search was at once made, and it was found that in passing along the bank of the creek he had fallen, and in his effort to rise had worked himself down into the edge of the stream, where he perished, his body being frozen stiff when found. His funeral was held at his former residence on Thursday, Jan. 16th. All his children and many grand-children, and friends (old settlers of La Salle Co.,) being present.

[*From the "Fairfield (Neb.) News."*]

WEEP NOT.

(IN MEMORY OF LEWIE AND EARNIE.)

Jesus called a mother's darling;
Yesterday he whispered low:
"Kiss me, papa: kiss me, mamma;
God loves Lewie, let me go."
Now another precious baby,
All his mother has to love,
Listens to the angel's footstep,
Waits to join the choir above.

Mother, kiss your little darling,
Fold his hands and close his eyes—
Lo! there comes a white-winged angel,
Waits his spirit toward the skies.
See! the form is cold and lifeless;
Death has loved a shining mark:
Parents weeping, sadly murmur—
"It is growing very dark."

Father, mother, cease your weeping,
Can you bring them back again?
Would you bring them back to suffer
In this world of care and pain?
Lift your drooping heads and listen
To the music of the sky:
Hear their happy voices singing—
"Glory be to God on high."

See! there comes a gleam of glory
From the shining world afar.
For your darlings when they entered
Left the pearly gates ajar.
"Suffer them to come," said Jesus,
"For of such my kingdom is:"
Blessed be His name who took them
Into perfect holiness.

LELA H. H.

[*Written by request for "Eberal's History of Fall River."*]

THE OLD SETTLERS.

BY SARAH EDWARDS HENSHAW.

Oh! band heroic! none can know
The courage and the toil,
With which they tracked the wilderness
And tamed the unbroken soil;
Each furrow bore a costly price
Of human hopes and fears,
Was fertilized by sweat of man
And wet by woman's tears.

Yes; lovely is the prairie
As to-day it meets our gaze,
Smiling with fields of bending grain—
Tassled with golden maize;
And peacefully the Illinois
Goes singing on its way,
By many a cheerful hamlet,
And many a city gay.

But the harvests which were garnered
By the lonely pioneer,
Were sowed with many an aching doubt,
And reaped with many a fear;
And longing eyes looked sadly forth
As rose the stifled sigh,
And gentle heart grew sick and faint
As the days crept slowly by.

Thy wondrous amphitheatre,
"Deer Park," still girdling stands,
As when it was the hunting-ground
Of roving Indian bands:
But now no herds of frightened deer
Fight madly there at bay,
For to-day it is the trysting-place
Of youths and maidens gay.

"Starved Rock" still lifts his battlements
High o'er the smiling vale,
And, gazing, looks for dusky forms
Far down the Indian trail,
But the white man's iron parallel
Is the only track he sees,
And the war-whoop of the iron horse
Alone comes on the breeze.

No more the poisoned arrow-head
Speeds shrilly from the bow,
From the bold headland springs no more
The hunted buffalo;
No more the mother presses close
Her baby to her breast,
And shudders as the prairie wind
Shrieking, forbids her rest.

Where cabin and where wigwam once
Dotted the prairie wide,
City and town of world renown
Hold homes of joy and pride.
Glad sounds of busy industry
With each new sun awake
And white-winged ships of commerce skim
The bosom of the lake.

Then may God bless the pioneers,
Hero and heroine!
Whose firmness wrought the mighty change
Which in our "West" is seen;
And when you sit in peaceful home,
Or gaze abroad with joy,
Honor the grand "Old Settlers"
Of grand young Illinois!

OTTAWA, September, 1871.

[*The record of Henry Simpson Ebersol of Fulton, Mo. continued.*]

Amelia Pontious, daughter Joseph and Elizabeth Pontious, was born Dec. 16, 1823, in Union Co., Pa.

Henry S. E. and Amelia P., were married Sept. 12, 1844, in Juniata Co ,Pa. In Oct., 1870, moved to Fulton, Callaway Co., Mo., where he still resides; they are prominent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; they have eight children (not nine as I was informed) viz:

ELIZABETH CECELIA, born Aug. 17, 1845.

JACOB RANDOLPH, Dec. 25, 1846.

WILLIAM HENRY, Aug 9, 1848; in Juniata Co.

DAVID WILSON, July 30, 1850.

JANE CATHARINE, March 3, 1852.

MARY MARGARET, Sept. 27, 1854.

MARTIN LUTHER, March 28, 1856.

JOSEPH LEWIS, March 20, 1858.

The two eldest were born in Perry Co, the rest in Juniata Co., Pa.

E. Cecelia was married to Vanvalsah Goss, by the Rev. A. Copenhagen, in McAlesterville, Juniata Co., Pa, Jan. 26, 1868; they reside in Nashville Tennessee, 303 South Spruce St.; their children are, Henry Lawrence, Amelia Rebecca, Annie Mary, Ada Cordelia and James Wilson. The eldest now sleeps in the silent church-yard.

J. Randolph and Miss Hattie A. Erwin were married Nov. 28, 1867; they have three children viz: Ada Jane, born Sept. 21, 1868; Mary Elizabeth, born Jan. 12, 1870, and died June 15, same year; Robert Erwin, born May 4, 1871. Mrs. E. wife of J. Randolph, died Oct. 26, 1872. Mr. and Mrs. E. were members of the M. E. church. She died with a hope big with immortality, rejoicing in Christ the Savior as her only support.

On the 4th of September, 1873, Jacob R. Ebersol was again married to Miss Angeline Mertz, of Dauphin Co, Pa, who was born there Sept. 28, 1841. They have three children viz: Carrie Amelia, born April 21, 1875; John Randolph born Dec 15, 1877; Alidia Stella, born Dec. 30, 1878. Jacob R. Ebersol's post office is New Bloomfield, Callaway Co., Mo.

Wm. Henry, second son of H. S. and Amelia E., enlisted as a soldier at Harrisburg, Pa; he connected himself with Co. C, 21st Pennsylvania Cavalry; he continued in the service of his country under the brave and gallant Custer, to the end of the war; was discharged July 8, 1865, at Lynchburg, Va.; he wore the army blue with credit to himself and honor to the family name. At Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 30, 1876, he married Miss Matilda McCracken, who was born June 21, 1859; Wm. H. is a carpenter; his P. O. is Newburg, Cuyahoga Co., O.

David Wilson E. the third son, taking Greeley's advice, went west in 1869 to grow up with the country; he settled in Callaway Co., Mo, in the same year. Before planting himself he took a trip to and prospected in California a few months; spent some time in San Francisco; He was married to Miss Thirza Jane Bell, of Fulton, Mo., Feb. 27, 1876; she was born Oct. 27, 1848 They are members of the Christian Church; he is a merchant; P. O. Fulton, Mo.

Jane C. Ebersol, second daughter of H. S. and Amelia E., was married to Wilson Snook, Dec. 19, 1869, in Juniata Co., Pa. Mr. Snook was born Nov. 1, 1847; they have four children viz: I. Randolph, born Dec. 3, 1870; Emilie Frances, July 27, 1872; Huldah Amelia, Nov. 16, 1874; Mary Alice, Aug. 26, 1876. Mr. Snook's P. O. is Reedsville Mifflin Co., Pa

Mary Margaret, the third daughter, married Reuben Taylor Mertz, Jan. 1, 1874; he was born Feb. 23, 1851; his address is Fulton, Mo.; he is a tiller of the soil, as have been most of our ancestors back to Cain.

Martin Luther and Joseph Lewis are unmarried and continue at home with father and mother, making themselves useful on the farm.

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